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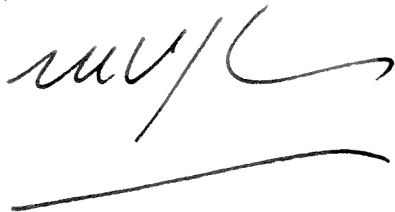
Dear Elizabeth H. Sibolski:

Throughout my career I have had several opportunities of collaborating with the University of Puerto Rico, both as a lecturer and as a visiting professor. My experience allowed me to witness first-hand the caliber of students who later became well known personalities, particularly in the fields of literature and the arts.

I have had the fortune of going back to the Island often, and I can still attest to the excellent quality of the academic, research and artistic activities that emerge from the University. In fact, the public recognition of our colleagues and alumni in academia and creation, as well as in scientific, professional and other ventures nationwide and internationally speaks for itself. I felt honored, on the other hand, to receive an honorary PhD in literature from the University of Puerto Rico in 2007, a distinction I feel reflects not only my long academic relationship with the institution but the vitality of its Faculty.

Given its uniqueness in the Caribbean and Latin America, and the fact that the UPR system has served for over a century as the principal means of affordable and high-quality education in Puerto Rico, thanks to its first-rate faculty, dedicated personnel, and long history of academic, scholar and artistic excellence, I can assure you that the University of Puerto Rico is worthy of accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MV/L', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mario Vargas Llosa